consistently opposed to the proposal for the setting up of the Benches of the Supreme Court in other regions of the country. The Chief Justice of India has last conveyed on 12.08.2007 that the matter was discussed in a Full Court meeting of Hon'ble Judges on 7th August, 2007 but Full Court did not favour setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court outside Delhi. However, Advocate-on-Record or a petitioner in-person can file cases in the Supreme Court of India through Internet.

E-courts in Orissa

1588. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fund e-courts in the districts of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame within which this programme would be completed in all the districts of the State?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) A scheme for computerization of all the District and Subordinate Courts in the country has been approved by the Government, which will also cover the courts in the districts of Orissa. The scheme envisages providing of laptop computers to Judicial Officers, installation of computer hardware at the courts, providing of application software, training of the Judicial Officers, etc. The scheme is being implemented by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) who are being provided funds by the Central Government. The scheme is to be implemented in three phases over a period of five years.

Declaration of assets and court cases for election to the President and Vice-President

†1589. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the elections for Parliament and Legislative Assemblies all the candidates have to furnish details regarding their property and the court cases against them;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no such provision for the candidates contesting for the office of President and Vice-President; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the law related to the elections of President and Vice-President in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration to make any change in the existing position with regard to Presidential and Vice-Presidential elections.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.